



Credential Tip Sheet: Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

Career Cluster: Health Science

CIP Code: 51.0000

CIP Program Name: Health Sciences/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General

Credentialing Agency: National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

Industry-recognized credential: Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) Certification credential assesses knowledge of health care systems and settings, medical terminology, basic pharmacology, nutrition, psychology, body structures and organ systems, pathophysiology and disease processes, microbiology, general patient care, infection control, testing and laboratory procedures, phlebotomy, EKG and cardiovascular testing, patient care coordination and education, administrative assisting, communication and customer service, medical law and ethics, and core knowledge and skills.

Teachers can learn more about CCMA certification, obtain study guides, practice tests, and a [CCMA test plan](#) by viewing information on the [NHA CCMA webpage](#).



Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

Successful completion of a medical assistant training program is required to be qualified to take the exam. Students must be no more than 12 months from completing their high school graduation to be qualified to earn the credential, which is awarded on a provisional basis until a diploma is issued and verified. The credential is valid for two years; renewal requires 10 continuing education credits and payment of a renewal fee.

Exam Information

The credential exam is comprised of a three hour, 150-question examination administered in a proctored environment. Students will take the exam either at their school, a PSI testing center near them, or through live remote proctoring at the location of their choice.

Computer-based exams must be taken at a PSI testing center, but paper-based exams may be given where computer testing is not available. Test result data is made available to the student via the certification portal and the credential is provided directly to the candidate.

Answers to common questions and additional information about the exam and credential can be found on the [NHA FAQs page](#).

Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



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